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Whoosh Whoosh Bang

The skies above Swanley Town were filled with colour and music as the 1812 overture played by Eynsford Concert Band and accompanied by a fabulous firework display thrilled crowds in Swanley Park. The event provided by Swanley Town Council has become a main feature in the town calendar and talk of a bigger and better event next year is already being discussed. Organiser Toni Roast said "This has been our best event to date and we have more ideas for next year to provide even more things for people to do and enjoy. I am very pleased with the many positive comments from people I have received". With around 3000 people attending there was also

a 200 strong Rock Choir which started the evening's entertainment along with stalls, fair rides, Pimms and Prosecco Bar and a BBQ. Mayor of Swanley Councillor Laurence Ball said 'It was an absolutely amazing event and we were all very pleased to see so many people attend and enjoy themselves.

I am very proud of our staff for having provided such a first class evening of entertainment for local residents'.

The next event in the town calendar is the annual firework display on 6th November 2017 which promises to be equally as entertaining and will include, live music, guy competition and bonfire.



SWANLEY TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTS BONFIRE NIGHT

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT SWANLEY RECREATION GROUND

Children's activities from 5pm Guy Fawkes Competition

Bonfire Live Music Hog Roast

Fireworks 7:30pm

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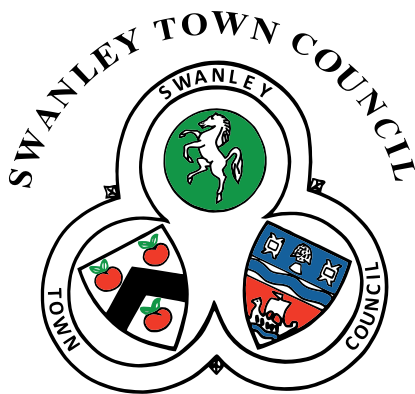
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A word from the CEO

I am now 9 months into my first year and it has proved to be challenging, informative and rewarding in taking care of the business of the town council. In March we took over the running of Park Activities for the first time ever and recruited 30 part time staff to assist with running activities.

While there is still much to do to improve facilities in the park local residents should feel pride in what Swanley has over many other town councils locally.

As a council we have been looking at smarter ways of working and creating new opportunities to support local clubs. We have had particular success here in supporting the first Rugby Club in Swanley who have had convincing wins during their first two matches.

We have supported two local football clubs and re-located the Boxing Club to provide a new facility for them at The Olympic and Swanley Athletics Club have moved into a new room with storage facilities provided.

We obtained £10,000 from Kent Police and Crime Commissioners Grant to provide activities for young people and we are still recruiting for this currently.

Armed Forces Day was a new event in the town calendar and was very well received with the cost being met by the Ministry of Defence, National Lottery and Cllr Michael Horwood via his County Councillor grant. We expect this event to grow each year and bookings are already being made for stalls and entertainers.

The 1812 night was hugely successful this year as we improved our advertising, benefited from great weather and brought in some community stalls. We hope that this event will grow annually and will continue to draw in crowds and thrill spectators.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the groups and individuals who have been working with the council and myself over the last 9 months and I hope more of you will come forward over the coming months to help us provide a range of activities for local residents.



Steve Nash

CEO

A word from the Mayor Councillor Laurence Ball

It has been a busy Mayoral Year, visits with local schools, clubs and sports teams have been both interesting and fulfilling. The volunteer workers in Swanley do an enormous amount to improve the quality of life of those amongst us who are in most need. A few months ago a number of our Local heroes were recognised and honoured at the Sevenoaks District Community Awards.

Swanley now boasts a Junior Football Club and a Rugby Club. Good luck to the players, we wish your teams success for the recently commenced season.

Many people's favourite event in the year in Swanley is the 1812 night in the Park. Residents, families and visitors - estimated at over 3000 - flocked to see the Rock Choir and the Eynsford Concert Band royally entertain us recently. I hope to see many of you at the forthcoming Community Events in Swanley viz Mayor's 007 Charity Ball, Fireworks Night and the Remembrance Service.

The Festive Season is almost upon us and the number of shopping days is rapidly diminishing. It is also a time for families to spend more time together and for friends to renew their relationship. I sincerely wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Laurence Ball

Mayor of
Swanley Town Council

Projects in Swanley

For information on projects in Swanley, Please look at the council web site
www.swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

You can always get in contact with us by telephone on 01322 665855 or emailing our team:
towncouncil@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk



SURVIVAL DAYS

OCTOBER HALF TERM



**MONDAY
23 OCTOBER
NERF
WARS**
11am - 12pm
or
2pm - 3pm
£5 per person



**WEDNESDAY
25 OCTOBER
ARCHERY**
11am - 12pm
or
2pm - 3pm
£5 per person



**FRIDAY 27
OCTOBER
FIRE
LIGHTING**
11am - 12pm
or
2pm - 3pm
FREE FRIDAY

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12 PLACES AVAILABLE FOR EACH SESSION. TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CALL 01322 665 855**

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Telephone: 01322 613 900



FIRST XMAS 80's PARTY
Tickets £10.00
8.00pm - late



**MOTOWN
BUFFET PARTY NIGHT**
Tickets £30.00 8.00pm - late



CASINO DINNER
Tickets £40.00
7.00pm - late



80's BUFFET PARTY
Tickets £15.00
8.00pm - late



FAMILY BUFFET PARTY
Adult £30.00 Child £15.00
Disco and Kids Entertainment
ADULT NYE DINNER
£56.00 5 Course Dinner & Disco

The Olympic

Telephone: 01322 669 201



ROD STEWART TRIBUTE
Tickets £30.00
7.00pm - late



XMAS PARTY NIGHT
Tickets £15.00
8.00pm - late



MASQUERADE BALL
Tickets £40.00
7.00pm - late



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Matinee - 2:30pm
Evening - 7:30pm
Kids **£8.00** - Adults **£10.00**

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Swanley and North Downs Lions Club



On behalf of the President and members of Swanley & North Downs Lions Club I would like to thank the folk who took part in, or supported, our charity Bike around Brands event on 11th August. Our thanks also to Jonathan Palmer, and the staff at Brands, for once again making this important annual fund raising event possible.

Donations from a total of 282 cyclists, 43 of whom were under 14, contributed to a net profit of £5400, the 'lion's share' of which will be donated to the Ellenor hospice care team.

Colin McRobert MBE
Event Organiser



Photographs by - Club Vice President Lion Bryan Harris



Guy Fawkes Competition Monday 6th November. Recreation ground from 5.00pm

The winning Guy will be selected by the Mayor of Swanley and will take the prime position at the top of the Bonfire and the maker will receive a £25 cash prize. All other Guys entered will receive a small prize and their Guys will also have a place on the bonfire. Entrants must deliver their Guy to the Recreation Ground by 5:30pm on the 6th November to be entered in the competition. Any entrant **NOT** wishing to have their guy on the bonfire may take it home with them if they choose.

Competition Rules:

- 1 Only one entry per person / group
- 2 Guys must be made of natural materials / clothing / paper
- 3 They MUST NOT contain plastic / bottles or any type of metal cylinder
- 4 They should be no taller than 8 foot
- 5 They must be portable / manageable by one person (or two small people)
- 6 The face ONLY can be a purchased mask (of plastic)
- 7 The contents/stuffing of the guy must be made with flammable materials
- 8 The Guy must be one item and must not require any type of assembly to place it on the bonfire.
- 9 Selection will be based on the amount of work put into the Guy, its realism, and its sturdiness
- 10 Any entry containing banned materials will be disqualified.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL 01322 665 855**

Christmas in Swanley

Light Switch On
Saturday 25th November
Performance from the Rock Choir at 5pm
Light Switch On at 6pm
10am - 5pm
Children's Entertainment
Lantern workshop
Food, Drink & Community Stalls

Santa's Grotto

Saturday 25th November

Swanley Town Centre

10am - 5pm

Every child receives a gift!
Naughty Elves - with Sweets
Snow Machine

For more information
Contact Swanley Town Council
01322 665 855



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For further details please contact **Steve Nash**
Telephone: **01322 611663** or
Email: **snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk**

Please visit the following page on our website for more info:
www.swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk/light-swanley-christmas



Swanley Twinning Association

Established 1985

VIVE LE JUMELAGE!

DID YOU KNOW.....

that Swanley has a special relationship with a lovely "Twin Town" close to Paris in France?

DID YOU KNOW.....

that for many years now social, cultural, sporting and educational exchanges have taken place?

DID YOU KNOW.....

that here on the Kent side of this friendship we enjoy a regular and varied programme of activities throughout the year?

INTERESTED? WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Come and talk to our friendly team at a **SPECIAL EVENT** to be held on **SATURDAY 4th November 2:00pm - 4:00pm** in the Clocktower Pavilion, St.Mary's Road, Swanley.

We look forward to meeting you.



Invite from The Swanley Twinning Association

On the weekend of the 9th September 2017, we were both very lucky to be invited to attend the yearly forum in Verrières-le-Buisson, Swanley's Twinning town.

Our host family made us feel very welcome, and delighted in showing us around the lovely town of Verrières.

We proceeded to the venue where the forum was being held, and helped Swanley Twinning to set up the stall, providing information, along with tea, biscuits, Victoria sponge cake and teacake, which I might add was all homemade by the people of Swanley.

The people of Verrières enjoyed the food and drink immensely and were very interested in what Swanley and the surrounding area has to offer.

Apart from the rain (sometimes torrential), the people of Verrières turned out in force to enjoy the days activities.

In the evening, the peoples of Verrières Twinning Association, Swanley Twinning Association and Hövelhof Twinning Association (Verrières other twinned town located within Germany), all met up and enjoyed the food provided by the citizens of Verrières, to celebrate our connections and shared links. A good time was enjoyed by all.

The people of Verrières are very proud to be twinned with Swanley, and wish to keep the connections between us strong.

Clr Clare Barnes
Clr John Barnes



OCTOBER ACTIVITY CAMP

FOOTBALL AND MULTI SPORTS



AT SWANLEY RECREATION GROUND

HOSTED BY **SWANLEY TOWN COUNCIL & KICK UP SPORTS**, SUPPORTED BY **KENT PCC**

23rd - 27th October, 9am - 3.30pm
£12.50 a day or 4 days for £40

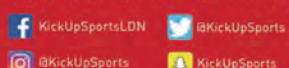
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Swanley History Group

If you are interested in local and general history and fancy an evening spent with friendly people, at modest cost, give Swanley History Group a try.

We do our best to offer a varied programme at our monthly meetings. Recent topics have included The History of Crystal Palace, Health and Hospital Provision 1870-1939, revisiting the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Protests by Swanley and Sutton at Hone residents in the 1980's and The Ancient Manor of Lullingstone.

Members and guests also visited Cobham Hall for a guided tour and afternoon tea on a sunny afternoon in August.

On Tuesday 7 November Steve Hookins will present "Somme 100 – To Wilhelm With Love" about the role of The Royal Artillery during World War 1.

On this subject, if anyone reading this can help us discover more about any of The Fallen of WW1, named on Swanley War Memorial, please contact us. We are researching the stories behind the names to include in a Tribute in 2018.

Our very popular calendar, featuring photographs of bygone Swanley and area, has just gone on sale - £3.50 each or two for £6.00.

Our meetings -7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start, on the first Tuesday of each month, at White Oak Indoor Bowls Centre, Garrolds Close, off Hilda May Avenue, Swanley, BR8 7BF. Visitors are always very welcome and many become members.

Christina Tyler, Programme Organiser



Please visit our website
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Swanley and District Art Society

ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2017



at St Peter's Church, College Road, Hextable
28th October 2017 10.00am to 4.00pm
ENTRANCE FREE REFRESHMENTS
Art Works for sale

Knit One; Purl One for our Poppy Project

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Knitters across Kent are being asked to help turn the county red to pay tribute to all those killed or injured in wars as part of this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

In Swanley, the Swanley Link is working with residents, libraries and community groups to create a display of knitted and crocheted poppies.

The initiative was piloted in one area last year, but this time it has been expanded to cover the whole of Kent. Swanley Link Manager Claire Cormack said "I have been overwhelmed by the support from local residents and Coolings Garden Centre and I hope more residents, groups and organisations will continue to get behind the Knit One, Purl One Poppy Appeal"

The poppies can be any size and you can follow any pattern.

So far we have 1200 poppies but we need more. Please drop your poppies off at the Swanley Link before **Friday 27th October 2017.**

If you're unable to help with the project, but have any spare red or black wool please get in touch so that it can be passed on to other active knitters.

For more details, please contact **Claire Cormack** on **0300 042 1254**





Swanley Wildlife and Nature Group

How would you like help towards creating some much needed habitat for wildlife in Swanley, and at the same time get some fresh air, exercise or just enjoy the outdoors with a group of volunteers? If you do, then why not come along and join the Swanley Wildlife & Nature Group who meet usually at 10am on the last Saturday of every month at the Environment Area, top car park of Swanley Park. With about a dozen volunteers, the

award winning free to join group is looking to maintain and expand upon their current membership and conservation work, especially among families.

Over the coming year, the group will be planting bulbs and hedging to encourage nesting birds, wildflower meadows for butterflies and bees, and welcomes new ideas to create new habitats.

All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.



Further information about the group can be found on their website. Please visit: www.freewebs.com/swanleyenvirogroup

SWANLEY TOWN COUNCIL SENIOR PASSPORT TO LEISURE

In November Passport to Leisure members will be entertained with the 'Sensational 60's Experience' at The Orchard Theatre, a must-see 60's show when five legendary names take to the stage to deliver a night never to be forgotten.

December will see members visit the Dickens Christmas Market, packed with shopping stalls when Rochester becomes a feast of Victorian delights with lamp-lit parades and carols to be sung.

On Sunday 24th December 2017 Passport to Leisure members including all family and friends can join the Christmas festivities at The Olympic.

A traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings can be enjoyed while Jack Valentine will entertain performing a medley of Christmas hits giving everyone the opportunity to sing and dance the afternoon away.



Eligibility Criteria

To qualify members must:

- Be over 60 years of age.
- Christchurch, St Mary's, Swanley Village and Whiteoak Swanley Wards and Crockenhill, Farningham, Hextable and Eynsford.
- Complete the registration form attached.
- Provide identification and proof of address documents to Swanley Town Council.



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